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INTRODUCTION.

As we now are celebrating the 25th anniversary as a Church, we feel grateful to God for his blessings. We are also glad that we are able to place in the hands of members and friends this little souvenir album. It will remind us of our beloved Church, her struggles in the past, our duties toward her in the future. We love her, and our earnest hopes and prayers are for her welfare and the advancement of the cause of Christ among our people her.

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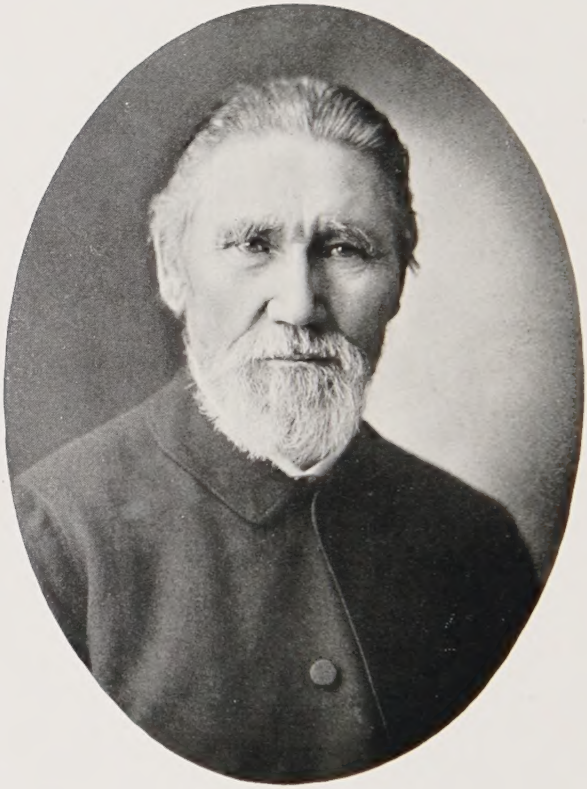
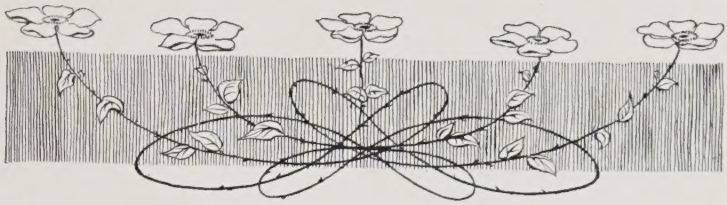


REV. PETER CARLSON.



TWENTY-FIVE years is an important period of time in the early history of a church. It is generally the fashioning period. As an organism the church is subject to development, and every development is subject to influences that either retard or further it.

In looking over the past as a church, we see a varied history. There are sacrifices and struggles which no one fully appreciates to-day except a few of the members yet with us from the early times. As we have come to such a significant "mile-stone" in our history as a church, as the twenty-fifth aniversary, we look back upon the past, upon the sacrifices and struggles of early members, thanking God for willing hearts to sacrifice, for willing hands to labor. It has seemed dark many times, but with the tenacity of the sons and daughter from "Ultima Thule" they have hoped on and taken courage.

The First Ev. Luth. Church of Astoria was organized on the 23rd of March, 1880. Rev. Peter Carlson presided at the meeting. Those present at the meeting and who became charter members were the following:

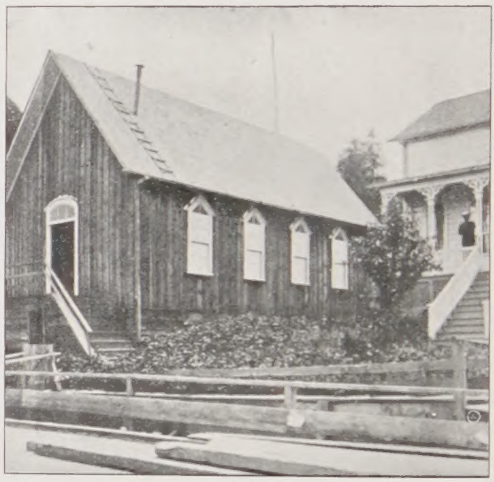
Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Holmes,
Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Brude,
Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Johnson,
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sture,
Mr. J. Carlson,
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Young,
Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hayseth,
Mr. and Mrs. August Olson.
Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Hedman,
Mr. Carl Wicklund.

Of these Charter Members, some are with us yet; others have joined the church above, the church triumphant in glory. Those

who still remain as active members are Mr. and Mrs. G. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. August Olson, Mr. Andrew Young and Mrs. John L. Hayseth.

The first church officers elected were T. Brude, G. Holmes, and Andrew Young, Deacons: and John L. Hayseth, A. G. Sture, and August Olson, Trustees.

It was decided at the very first meeting to build a church. The illustration shows this church as it appeared in its day. It was located on Franklin Ave. between 33rd and 34th Streets and served for many years its purpose.



THE OLD CHURCH.

We are not celebrating this anniversary on the day of the organization of the Church, but about this time twenty-five years ago the old church was opened for service for the first time.

You early members, who are celebrating today, and as your memory goes back to the beginning, you both see and feel the difference in the two houses of worship. The present church building is one of the best of its kind in the city. The present building was erected twelve years ago during the year 1893.

It was ready for occupation on the 15th of October the same year The cost of the building, including the lot, was about $4,000.00. On this property there was a debt of $1,300.00. In the year 1896 the present parsonage of the church was built and through liberal subscriptions all paid for. The debt acquired in 1893 for building the new church was gradually diminishing and in 1900, on Thanksgiving Day, the mortgage was burnt in public and the church was free from debt. With the exception of some minor improvements to the church property, not much has been done since the building of the parso-

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

nage. This spring, however, the church has excavated for a basement under the whole church, erected a cement foundation, calcimined and varnished the auditorium of the church, and put in a hot air plant to an aggregate cost of about $2,000.00.

The young people have also taken much pride in the appearance of their church and put in a magnificent pipe organ.

PASTORS.

Rev. Peter Carlson, now chaplain at the Immanuel Deaconess Institute at Omaha, Neb., is the founder of the local church here. He labored as missionary in the Northwest for several years, and organized several of our churches on the coast. He looks upon this field with interest and follows the development of our church with fatherly love. And as we gather to-day to celebrate the beginning of our work as a church which was actuated by his zeal for the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls, though now absent from us he is yet with us in spirit, and his prayers are in our behalf. We wish him on this day of jubilee a serene and peaceful evening after the hard labors of life's day.

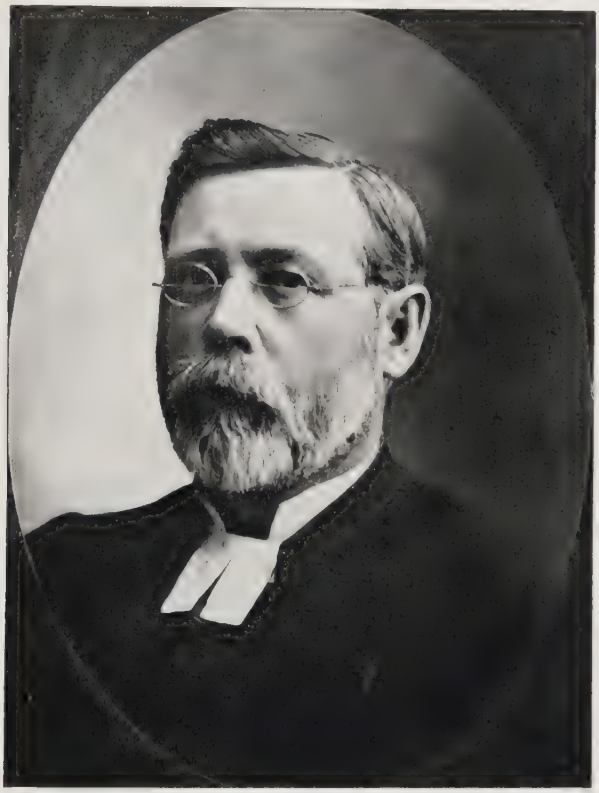
Rev. J. J. Hoikka was our first pastor stationed in Astoria. He served jointly the Finnish and our Church for a period of two years. During his time, the Ladies' Aid Society was organized. The organ we now use in our basement was also acquired at this time. In his pastoral report, he says, "We must look upon this organ as a sign of progress in the work of the past year (1884)".

After he left the church entered upon a long period of vacancy. For eight years the church was without a regular pastor. At this time the loyalty of the little flock was tested and tried. Rev. John W. Skans of Portland made occasional visits during this time. Whenever he came, he came with encouragement in some form. When the work seemed in vain and the future of the church dark and despairing, he came with a sun ray of hope.

Among others who visited the church occasionally were the Revs. L. O. Lindh, Jonas Vender, A. Jackson, C. J. Beckman, and G. A. Anderson and Student G. O. Schoberg.

In the summer of 1894 the Rev. J. A. Edlund arrived and became the pastor of the church.

He served the Church with success for five years until in Feb-



REV. J. W. SKANS.

ruary 1900. When he came, the work revived. The Sunday school was organized, the first class of young people was confirmed, a class of four. These first class young people are yet with us, and are Allan, Victoria and Sophia Anderson and Gerda Anderson.

Rev. Edlund re-organized and put new life into the work in

all its branches. Regular services in English were held, and the young people interested for the church of their fathers.

The membership of the church increased steadily each year. Each year a large class of young people were confirmed. Many of these have remained true to their confirmation vows, to their God and their Church, and are with us to-day. Many have de-

REV. J. A. EDLUND.

serted the ranks. Where are they to-day? This is one of the most sad questions to answer in a pastor's life.

In the summer 1900 the present pastor, then a student from Rock Island, Ill., took up the work here, and remained until September the following year. During this time the young people were organized into a society, which presented the church with a bell and put in electric light fixtures in the church. A

class of twenty young people were confirmed. The remaining debt was also removed. The memory the pastor has of this time spent with the church at Astoria is very pleasant withal.

The kindness and good-will of the people brought him back again in three years as the pastor of the Church.

In the fall of 1901 Rev. Oscar Ostrom came and remained as

REV. OSCAR OSTROM.

the pastor of the Church until New Year 1904. Beside the church work in Astoria he labored much in the mission field and visited many of the towns and settlements in the neighboring country. He confirmed two classes of young people.

On the 10th of July, 1904, the present pastor preached his first sermon as the pastor of the Church. Little over a year has

passed since then. But it belongs to others coming after to tell of and judge his work.

The pastors, whose work has been briefly sketched, are still in

REV. GUSTAF E. RYDQUIST.

the memory of the people. And we are here to thank God for these laborers and for the work they were permitted to accomplish. May their work bear rich and abundant fruit in the future to the praise and glory of our Saviour and God.

MEMBERS.

We have already mentioned the Charter members and the first Church officers. From the small beginning has grown a comparatively large membership. We are rejoicing over the brilliant results of the past, of the progress made in every line. Yet the main strength and stay rests upon the shoulders of the "fathers", those who have grown old in the work and have been tried by the experiences of the past. While our hope for the future is centered in our youth, yet we look to stabile age for the present. As one man, as one body, youth, manhood and old age, as one with the help and blessings of Almighty God, we shall yet prosper and grow as a Church.

The communicant members of the Church to-day are the following:

MEMBERSHIP-ROLL OF THE FIRST EV. LUTH. CHURCH OF ASTORIA, OREGON,

in the order of the Church Record, only Communicant members given.

	Name:	Confirmed:	Received:
1.	Gust. Holmes		1880
2.	Maria C. Holmes		1880
3.	Carl J. Holmes	1899	
4.	George Wendel Holmes	1901	
5.	Andrew Young		1880
6.	Dan. A. Young	1895	
7.	Edw. Oswald Young	1899	
8.	Agnes C. Young	1902	
9.	Lewis Gustaf Hayseth	1896	
10.	August Olson		1880
11.	Christine M. Olson		1880
12.	John Alf. Larson		1884
13.	Maria Louisa Larson		1890
14	Mrs Maria Charlotte Larson		1884
15.	Dora M. Larson	1901	
16.	Esther Emelia Larson	1901	
17.	John Peterson		1884

18.	Maria Ch. Peterson		1884
19.	Emil Peterson	1898	
20.	Hilma A. Peterson	1899	
21.	Agnes Ch. Peterson	1903	
22.	Mrs Bertha Nicol. Anderson		1885
23.	Hildur Winefrid Anderson	1902	
24.	Lillie M. Anderson	1905	
25.	John E. Peterson		1889
26.	John Enborg		1893
27.	Pernella Enborg		1893
28.	John C. Enborg	1901	
29.	Caroline Young		1893
30.	Mrs Christine P. E. Bjelland		1893
31.	Mrs Ida (Peterson) Nelson		1893
32.	Mrs. Joh. Norberg		1882
33.	Gustaf C. Norberg	1899	
34.	Selma El. Norberg	1899	
35.	Henry Aug. Norberg	1902	
36.	Francis J. Norberg	1905	
37.	Ludvig Agren		1893
38.	Maria S. Agren		1893
39.	Arthur L. Agren	1901	
40.	Victor H. Agren	1903	
41.	Andrew Gustaf Bergman		1893
42.	Anna C. Bergman		1893
43.	Carl Edw. Johanson		1902
44.	Enock Peterson		1893
45.	Albertina Peterson		1893
46.	Albertina V. Peterson	1899	
47.	Anna Ag. Peterson	1901	
48.	Matt. Nyland		1893
49.	Louisa Nyland		1893
50.	Alma L. Nyland	1898	
51.	Carl M. Nyland	1902	
52.	Esther Jos. Nyland	1905	
53.	John Johnson		1893
54.	Anna Sophia Johnson		1893
55.	John Johnson	1896	
56.	Gustaf W. Johnson	1896	
57.	Peter Johnson	1902	

58.	Carl Anton Enborg		1893
59.	Augusta Gothilda Enborg		1893
60.	Ella (Enborg) Moberg	1899	
61.	Betsy Enborg	1902	
62.	Arvid Al. Enborg	1905	
63.	John Nordstrom		1893
64.	Anna Ch. Nordstrom		1893
65.	Ture J. G. Nordstrom	1896	
66.	Thyra S. Rosina Nordstrom	1902	
67.	Lillie A. M. Nordstrom	1905	
68.	Isaak Westling		1893
69.	John Olin		1893
70.	Hannah M. Olin		1901
71.	Anders K. Logger		1895
72.	Andrew Johnson		1894
73	Julia J. Johnson	1902	
74.	Andrew Asp		1894
75.	Maria Asp		1894
76.	Marie J. Asp	1901	
77.	Carl Aug. Asp	1903	
78.	Esther Erene Asp	1905	
79.	Lexen Anderson		1894
80.	Christine Anderson		1894
81.	Gerda M. (Anderson)	1896	
82.	Selma (Anderson) Fry	1898	
83.	Nellie A. E. Anderson	1901	
84.	Carl J. Carlson		1895
85.	Kerstin Carlson		1895
86	Victor Carlson	1901	
87.	Edward L. Carlson	1903	
88.	Hugo J. Carlson	1905	
89.	Mrs Maggie Anderson		1895
90.	Allen Anderson	1895	
91.	Sophie Anderson	1895	
92.	Victoria (Anderson) Larson	1895	
93.	Laura D. Anderson	1898	
94.	Anna E. Esther Anderson	1901	
95.	August Larson		1895
96.	Selma Larson		1895
97.	Thora Larson	1898	

John Nordstrom

THE CHURCH SECRETARY.

98.	Mrs K. Olson		1895
99.	Arvid Carlson		1895
100.	Ida Joh. Carlson		1895
101.	Axel Herman Johnson		1895
102.	Josephine Johnson		1895
103.	Isaak Wm Fredrickson		1895
104.	Anna S. Fredrickson		1895
105.	Carl G. Palmberg		1895
106.	Capt. Chas Larson		1899
107.	Hilda Elfving Larson		1895
108.	Fredrick Gustafson		1894
109.	Marie Gustafson		1894
110.	Mrs Alma K. Fricke		1897
111.	Miss Marie F. Berglund		1897
112.	Nils Jonasson		1897
113.	Maria L. Abrams	1897	
114.	Miss Paulina Calbert		1898
115.	Mrs Bessy Am. Lundquist	1901	
116.	Miss Maja Theresa Fredrickson	1898	
117.	Hans Fredrickson	1901	
118	Miss Gerda Agnes Erickson		
119.	Winnie Evolin Abrams	1898	
120.	Peter Aug. Berglund		1898
121.	Anna Johanna Berglund		1898
122.	Arthur Young	1899	
123.	Otto Bostrom	1899	
124.	Edward Wilson	1899	
125.	Alma Larson	1899	
126.	George Larson	1901	
127.	Albert Immanuel Minard		1893
128.	Anna C Minard		1893
129.	Albert N. Minard	1896	
130.	Gustaf A. Minard	1898	
131.	Lloyd Alex. Minard	1901	
132.	Mrs Hedvig Aug. Johnson		1895
133.	Herman Pontus Johnson		1895
134.	Josephine Johnson		1895
135.	Alexander Fredrickson		1895
136.	Katherine Fredrickson		1895
137.	Mrs Hilda Katherine Ohman	1896	

138.	Edward Edling		1895
139.	Ida Maria Edling		1895
140.	Martha Carolina Edling	1905	
141.	Victor Olson	1901	
142.	Oscar Olson	1901	
143.	Clara Larson	1901	
144.	William Wilson	1901	
145.	Oscar Olof Peterson		1901
146	Anna Margerete Peterson		1901
147.	Herman P. A. Peterson		1901
148.	Oscar O. Peterson Jr		1901
149.	Sigfrid L. N. Peterson	1901	
150.	Mrs Greta Johanson		1901
151.	William Johanson	1905	
152.	Frans Mauritz Mattson		1901
153.	Gottfrid Ch. Lindquist		1901
154.	Reinhold Lindquist		1901
156.	Frans Endosius Johanson		1903
157.	J. Axel Johanson		1903
158.	Gustaf Oscar Swenson-		1904
159.	Andrew West		1901
160.	Brita L. West		1901
161.	Carl Oscar Simonson		1898
162.	Eugenia Const. Simonson		1904
163.	Carl Erlandson		1902
164.	Selma O. Erlandson		1904
165	Esther O. Erlandson		1902
166.	Hildur Ch. Erlandson		1904
167.	William Jacobson		1904
168.	Mary Jacobson		1904
169.	Mrs Hannah Swenson		1904
170.	Miss Amanda Henrickson		1904
171.	Mrs Sophia Em. (Kjallstrom) Sjosten		1904
172.	Miss Hilda Am. Olin		1904
173.	Axel Gerhard Backlund		1904
174.	Anders Harold Jonsson		1904
175.	Miss Marie West		1904
176.	Miss Marie Cederberg		1904
177.	E. Alfred Elfving		1905
178.	Ernst Anton Hedman		1905

GROUP FROM THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1884. It meets regularly the last Wednesday afternoon of each month at the homes of the members. Its object, as expressed in the name, is to aid the Church in carrying on its work.

During the twenty-one years the society has existed it has done justice to its name. It has been one of the financial pillars in the history of the church and in the development of its work. This was true in the early period especially, when the members were few, and the struggle for existence was most severe. To-day the society contributes in the neighborhood of a hundred dollars annually towards the pastor's salary. It contributes largely towards the improvement of the church property. Only last year this society spent over $100.00 in putting the parsonage in order for the arrival of the new pastor and about $150.00 for street improvements. It would be impossible to mention all the improvements and the different work of this society during all these years. May it continue in its noble work for Christ and his Church, and the blessings of God shall be upon it and upon each individual member.

The following is the membership roll of the Ladies' Aid Society:

1. Mrs. Gust. Holmes,
2. " John Enberg,
3. " Louis Agren,
4. " P. Larson,
5. " J Belland,
6. " Aug. Larson,
7. " A. Minard,
8. " John Peterson,
9. " Antone Enberg,
10. " Alfred Olson,
11. " Enoch Peterson,
12. " John Nordstrom,
13. " A. Engelbrecktson,
14. " Gustaf Bergman,
15. Mrs. Andrew Asp,
16. " Ida Nelson,
17. " Hannah Svensen
18. " Louise Nyland,
19. " P. Berglund,
20. " John Olin,
21. " Ida Edling,
22. " Maggie Anderson,
23. " Alex Fredrickson,
24. " Anna Birch,
25. " John Swensen,
26. " Wm. F. Fredrickson,
27. " Marie Rydquist,
28. " George Johnson.

A GROUP FROM THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE Sunday School work is carried on in the English language exclusively. About fifty pupils are enrolled. This is only about half of what it ought to be. The reason for this comparatively small Sunday School is partly on account of our members being scattered, and partly on account of a lack of interest in our own Church and its work on the part of many. If we could rally all children, whose parents are either members or who affiliate themselves with our work, we would have the largest Sunday School in this city.

The Sunday School association which was organized last year as a force of Sunday School workers has for its object a larger and better Sunday School. It meets once a month for the purpose of studying the lessons and practical helps in carrying on the work of instruction.

Our young and active superintendent is Miss Alema Nyland, and her staff of teachers is the following: the Misses Alma Lawson, Hannah Asp, Dora Larson, Esther Larson, Annie Bergman, Agnes Peterson, Mr. Park Seim, Rev. G. E. Rydquist and Mr Carl Nyland, Treasurer.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

THE DORCAS SOCIETY.

The Dorcas Society was organized in the fall of 1900. It was originally organized as a Young Ladies' Sewing Society with the purpose of meeting one evening a month for a social time. But there was no young people's society in the Church. Such a society had never been a success and the young people were partly strangers to one another. The young men of the Church were therefore invited to become associate members of the Dorcas, and it was organized to hold one social meeting and one literary each month. It thus developed into a very unique society. Later it became a custom with this society to meet the last Friday evening of each month for a social gathering and to carry out a literary and musical program whenever so decided by the society. Thus it has grown into a very large and prosperous society and numbers to-day over sixty members.

During the five years of its existence it has been very active in working for the church. The society takes a special pride in beautifying the Church. As soon as it was organized it decided to purchase a bell for the Church. This bell was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day 1900. Its inscription is the old "Gloria in excelsis," "Donated by the Dorcas Society and friends ".

The following summer the society decided to wire the church for electricity and put in electric light and fixtures.

This year the society has done wonders in placing in our Church a magnificent pipe organ. It was the first one of its kind in the city of Astoria. We feel proud not only of our organ, but also of our young people. May they continue faithful to their Church. Soon the responsibility of the church work will be placed upon their shoulders, then may they be found as faithful as the old people who are passing away.

The present members and associate members of the Dorcas Society are the following:

GROUP FROM DORCAS SOCIETY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

DORCAS SOCIETY MEMBERS.

1. Marie Berglund,
2. Marie(Lindquist)Ostrom,
3. Tina Peterson,
4. Annie Peterson,
5. Ella (Enberg) Moberg,
6. Betsy Enberg,
7. Hilma Peterson,
8. Alema Nyland,
9. Hannah Asp,
10. Dora Larson,
11. Sophie Anderson,
12. Victoria(Anderson)Larson,
13. Rosie Nordstrom,
14. Alma Lawson,
15. Olive Enberg,
16. Laura Anderson,
17. Agnes Young,
18. Marie Beck,
19. Mathilda Sjogren,
20. Hilda Olin,
21. Annie Bergman,
22. Esther Anderson,
23. Esther Asp,
24. Agnes Peterson,
25. Esther Nyland,
26. Esther Larson,
27. Annie Basil,
28. Marie Rydquist,
29. Clara Larson,
30. Amanda Henrickson,
31. Marie West,
32. Martha Edling,
33. Cherstin Sjogren,

DORCAS SOCIETY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

1. G. C. Lindquist,
2. Reinhold Lindquist,
3. Jacob Lindstrom,
4. Carl Moberg,
5. Emil Palmberg,
6. Clarence Norberg,
7. Turie Nordstrom,
8. Chas. G. Palmberg,
9. Sigfrid Peterson,
10. K. A. Johnson,
11. K. F. Johnson,
12. Allen Anderson,
13. Alfred Elfving,
14. Hans Fredrickson,
15. Oscar Peterson,
16. Herman Peterson,
17. John C. Enberg,
18. Frank Johanson,
19. L. A. Kallstrom,
20. C. E. Johansen,
21. Axel Backlund,
22. Carl Asp,
23. Axel Johansen,
24. J. Bowlin,
25. Erik Setterlund,
26. William Beck,
27. Gustaf E. Rydquist,
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